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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

REF: A. STATE 58305; B. STATE 58306

1. ONCE AGAIN, USLO WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS RESERVATIONS ABOUT GOING BACK TO MFA WITH A REQUEST FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION'S STAY IN THE U.S. IF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM FELT SUFFICIENTLY STRONGLY ABOUT THE SHORTNESS OF THE TWO MONTH EXTENSION THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO THREATEN TO DECLINE THE OFFER ALTOGETHER, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING THE EXTENSION. IF WE GO IN PREPARED TO ACCEPT WHATEVER THE CHINESE WILL OFFER, HOWEVER, WE ARE SETTING OURSELVES UP FOR YET ANOTHER CAVE-IN AND ARE SIMPLY GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF MAKING THE REQUEST TO SATISFY THE MUSEUM WHILE FURTHER ERODING OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION WITH MFA. FURTHERMORE, IN THEIR EYES THE CHINESE FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN GRANTING THE U.S. THREE CITIES AND A TOTAL STAY OF OVER EIGHT MONTHS, AND OUR CONTINUED PRESSURE FOR FURTHER EXTENSION MAY BEGIN TO NEGATE SOME OF THE GOODWILL GENERATED BY THE SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION.

2. MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HAS CALLED US IN FOR 1100 LOCAL TIME MARCH 19 TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. WE WILL PASS THEM THE DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON THE SAN FRANCISCO SHOWING (REF B) AND THE QUESTION OF DATES WILL SURELY COME UP.

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REQUEST DEPARTMENT URGENTLY CONTACT SAN FRANCISCO WITH USLO VIEWS

(PARA ONE ABOVE) AND SUGGESTION THAT REQUEST FOR TWO WEEK  
EXTENSION BE DROPPED. DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE SHOULD REACH US IN  
TIME FOR US TO PREPARE FOR MARCH 19 MEETING.  
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